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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

TRIPLE ALLIANCE DECISION.

"MINERS STAGGERED AND ANGERED."

EXTREMISTS ACTIVE.

EXPENSIVE EMERGENCY MEASURES CONTINUE.

LONDON, April 17.

Reports from the coalfields where distress is growing owing to the exhaustion of strike funds indicate that the miners are staggered and angered at the decision of their Alliance partners. More moderate men are inclined to negotiate a wage settlement on a district basis. Many are said to be anxious to resume work immediately but the extremists are urging a national appeal to workers to join the strike and that steps be taken to prevent even the officials pumping the pits. Meanwhile military and other emergency arrangements continue costing £250,000 a day. The Board of Trade announces drastic restrictions in the use of fuel, light and power, and the cancellation of many main line trains on Monday has been notified. The coal shortage is resulting in long queues in London for permits to purchase coal.

COAL CONSUMPTION RESTRICTED.

LONDON, April 17.

The Government is further restricting coal consumption. Up to the present important industries have been allowed 50 per cent. of their normal supplies. Henceforth this can be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. Heat, light, and power undertakings have received peremptory instructions to reduce supplies. Train services will be further reduced to-morrow.

LONDON, April 16.

[These are passages omitted from the messages in this morning's papers, addenda sent by the Cable Company.]

Reports from all parts of the country showed a growing reluctance to embark on a disastrous struggle for what were regarded as political and not strictly economic ends. The elaborate preparations of the government to maintain the transport of food by volunteers had been largely supported by the working class, many of whom frankly looked forward to transferring their services during the strike from the unions to the State. There was no enthusiasm anywhere for anything like revolution.

The general conclusion, as on previous occasions, is to show that the communist element, though exceedingly local, represents an infinitesimal minority of the British workers, of whom the great majority are law-abiding citizens whose voices are not heard in the deliberations of their unions, but whose weight is irresistibly felt in such a crisis as that just past.

SHIPPING SLUMP.

LLOYD'S REGISTER'S STRIKING FIGURES.

EFFECT OF FALL IN FREIGHTS.

LONDON, April 17.

The effects of the shipping slump owing to the fall in freights are strikingly illustrated by Lloyd's Register which shows that mercantile shipping under 3,000,000 tons was being constructed in the United Kingdom on March 31, after deducting 347,000 tons on which work had been suspended owing to the slump or the completion of which had been postponed owing to the joiners' strike. Compared with the quarter ending December 31, 1920, the tonnage launched had decreased by 145,000. The tonnage commenced was 113,000, while the tonnage being prepared but not commenced had fallen 75 per cent., compared with a year ago. Some 3,288,000 tons were building abroad, a decrease of 183,000 tons compared with December 31, owing to the continued decrease in the United States.

FRANCE CENSURES WRANGEL.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK ARMY NOT TO BE FED.

PARIS, April 18.

General Wrangel's failure to accept France's suggestions as regards the disposal of his troops has drawn from the government a stinging note. They accuse Wrangel of ingratitude. In the face of France's heavy financial sacrifices, amounting to two hundred million francs, she refuses to continue to feed these troops, who are leading a life of idleness. The note declares that Wrangel has established in Constantinople a kind of Russian government with the object of preserving an organised army; this is a violation of international law.

JAPANESE PRINCE'S TOUR.

SEEING EGYPT.

PORT SAID, April 18.

The local authorities, notable men and Japanese residents of Egypt welcomed the Crown Prince aboard the ship. His Imperial Highness proceeds to Cairo on Monday in a special train.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS UNQUESTIONABLY DESIRABLE.

WASHINGTON, April 17.

In a letter replying to an enquiry from Mr. Coppers, the President of the Federation of Labour, Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State says that it is unquestionably desirable that commercial relations on an extensive scale should be established between the United States and Russia. The Government hopes that there may be adjustments in Russia enabling Russia to resume her proper place in the economic life of the world.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

TOULON, April 18.

The Australian cricketers arrived on board the Orient liner "Osterley," after an excellent voyage. They are in the best of health and are convinced that they are going to win. They travel overland to England on April 17.

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

PORT SAID, April 17.

The "Kashima" and "Katori" with the Japanese Crown Prince have arrived.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 5/8
To-day's opening rate 2/6 1/8

HONGKONG'S OPIUM.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING.

In the House of Commons Mr. Gershom Stewart asked the Secretary of State for India if he would state the amount of opium shipped from India to Hongkong and the Straits Settlements respectively in 1920; whether such opium is for local consumption only; whether, if the amount shipped is in excess of local requirements, what steps, if any, are taken to prevent the surplus being smuggled into China; and whether any opium was shipped direct from India to Macao and the Dutch East Indies, and, if so, how much?

Mr. E. S. Montagu: I regret that complete information regarding the question asked by my honourable friend is not available at present. I have asked the Government of India to supply it. As regards the prevention of smuggling from Hongkong and the Straits Settlements into China, I will ask my right honourable friend the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he can furnish the information.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

CAPTAIN'S COMPLAINT.

SECOND ENGINEER CHARGED.

Before Magistrate Lindell this morning, George Best, second engineer of the s.s. "Pheumphen" was charged with having assaulted Capt. Bentley of the s.s. "Telemachus" on Connaught Road Central, outside the V.R.C. at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The defendant was alleged to have attacked the Captain from behind and in the fight that followed pulled out a tooth. The cause of the alleged assault has not been ascertained.

Inspector Moore, who prosecuted, asked for a remand as the "Telemachus" left port yesterday. The "Pheumphen" belonged to the same company as the "Telemachus" and the Inspector promised to see that the owners of the vessels have the parties in Court when the case comes up for hearing. The case was remanded until April 26.

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TO-NIGHT.

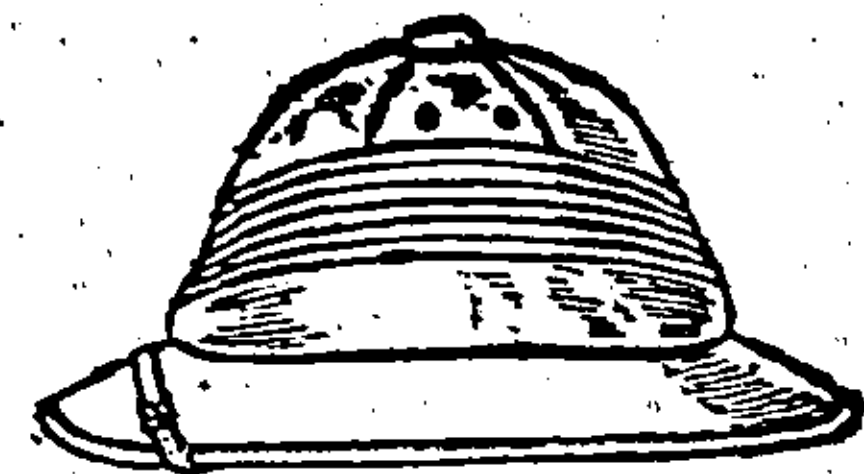
Tonight the H. B. Waring Company will open their season herewith the well-known Anglo Indian play, "The Witness for the Defence." This will be remembered was the play in which Miss Ethel Irving made such a tremendous hit in London. So much has been written regarding the play and players that it merely remains now to call attention to the fact that this is the opening night of the Hongkong season and to wish them all the success which, according to the Indian and R.M.S. papers, they deserve. To-morrow one of their greatest successes, Mr. Pim Passes By, will be given, and following this "The Merchant of Venice." Particular attention is drawn to the fact that a special matinee is being given of this most popular of all Shakespearean plays on Saturday next at 5 p.m. These matinees have been a great success in India and should prove a big draw here.

One of the oldest of Hankow's early residents passed recently through that port homeward bound in the person of Mr. Nelson E. Bryant, Commissioner of Customs at Yochow, along with Mrs. and Miss Bryant. He came to Hankow 45 years ago as interpreter to the American Consulate. He has now retired and has earned a time of rest and recreation after his long service in the Customs.

Elaborate precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the Crown Prince of Japan during his stay in Colombo. Invitations to meet H.R.H. on the jetty were issued very sparingly, and those not in possession of tickets found it practically impossible to reach even the approaches. Queen's House was strongly guarded during the day, and at every entrance two soldiers were stationed with fixed bayonets, reinforced by two policemen.

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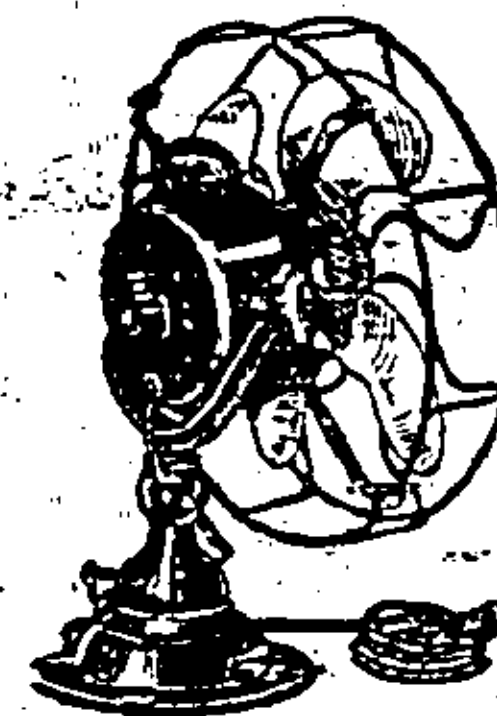
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Half hour, 10
Hour, 20
Every subsequent hour, 10III.—Tai-o Road.
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BY SAXE ROHMER.

(Continued from Saturday.)

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"You say that some one heard the
sound of the shot?" I asked sud-
denly."Several people," replied Bristol;
"but no one knows, or no one will
say, from what direction it came. I
shall go on with the inquiry, of
course, and cross-examine every soul
in Wyatt's Buildings. Meanwhile,
I'm open to confess that I am beat-
en."When, some ten minutes later, I
passed out into the noise of Water-
loo Road, I left behind me an un-
solved mystery and took with me a
great dread: for I knew that the quest
of the sacred slipper was not ended. I
knew that another tragedy was added
to its history, and I feared to sur-
mise what the future might hold for
all of us.Deep in thought respecting the in-
explicable nature of this latest mys-
tery, I turned in the direction of the
bridge, and leaving behind me an
ever-swelling throng at the gate of
Wyatt's Buildings, proceeded west-
ward.Then, in upon my preoccupation
burst a woman's scream!
I aroused myself from reverie, look-
ing about to right and left. Evidently
I had been walking slowly, for I was
less than a hundred yards from Wyatt's
Buildings and hard by the entrance
of an uninviting alley from which I
thought the scream had proceeded.And as I hesitated, for I had no
desire to become involved in a drunk-
en brawl, again came the shrill scream
—"Help! help!"I cannot say if I was the only
passer-by who heard the cry; certain-
ly I was the only one who responded
to it. I ran down the narrow street,
which was practically deserted, and
heard windows thrown up as I passed;
for the cries for help continued.Just beyond a patch of light cast
by a street lamp an old woman, from
whose hand a basket of provisions
had fallen, was struggling in the grasp
of a tall Oriental! He was evidently
trying to stuff her screams and at the
same time to pinion her arms behind
her!I perceived that there was more in
this scene than met the eye. And
since I carried a short sharp argu-
ment in my pocket I hastened to ad-
vance it.

At the sight of the gleaming re-

volver barrel, the man turned and
ran swiftly off. I had scarce a
glimpse of his pallid brown face ere
he was gone, nor did the thought of
pursuit enter my mind. I turned to
the old woman, who was dressed in
shabby black and who was rear-
ranging her thick veil in an oddly
composed manner, considering the
nature of the adventure that had be-
fallen her.She picked up her basket, and turn-
ed away. Needless to say I was rather
shocked at her callous ingratitude, for
she offered no word of thanks; did
not even glance in my direction, but
made off hurriedly toward Waterloo
Road. I perceived, as she passed
under an adjacent lamp, that her bas-
ket contained provisions such as a
woman of her appearance would
scarcely be expected to purchase. I
noted a bottle of wine, a chicken,
and a large pine-apple.The nationality of the assailant from
the first had marked the affair for no
ordinary orb, and now a hazy notion
of what lay behind all this began to
come to me.Keeping well in the shadows on the
opposite side of the way, I followed
the woman with the basket. She
came out into Waterloo Road, crossed
over and stood waiting by a stopping-
place for electric cars. I saw her
arranging a cloth over her basket in
such a way as effectually to conceal
the contents. A strong mental excite-
ment possessed me. A theory, covering
all the facts of the assault inci-
dent, now presented itself, and I
stood back in the shadow, watchful;
in a degree, exultant.A Greenwich-bound car was hailed
by the woman with the basket. I
could not be mistaken, I felt sure, in
my belief that she cast furtive glances
about her as she mounted the step.
But, having seen her actually aboard,
my attention became elsewhere en-
gaged. All now depended upon secur-
ing a cab before the tramcar had passed
from view!I counted it an act of Providence
that a disengaged taxi appeared at that
moment, evidently bound for Waterloo
Station. I ran out into the road with
came upraised.As the man drew up, I cried:
—"Quick! You see that Greenwich
car—nearly at the Ophthalmic Hospi-
tal? Follow it. Don't get too near.
I will give you further instructions
through the tube."

I leaped in. We were off!

The rocking car ahead was round-
ing the bend, now, toward St.
George's Circus. As it passed the
clock and entered South London Road
it stopped. I raised the tube.

"Pass it slowly!"

We skirted the clock tower, and
bore round to the right. Then Idrew well back in the corner of the
cab.The woman with the basket was
descending."Pull up a few yards beyond!" I
directed.As the car restarted, and passed
us, the taxi became stationary. I
peered out of the little window at
the back.The woman was returning in the
direction of Waterloo Road:"Drive slowly back along Water-
loo Road," was my next order.
"Pretend you are looking for a fare;
I will keep out of sight."I was borne back again upon my
course. The woman kept to the right
and, once we were entered into the
straight road which leads to the
bridge, I again raised the speaking-
tube."Pull up," I said. "On the right
hand side is an old woman carrying a
basket; fifty yards ahead. Do you
see her? Keep well behind, but don't
lose sight of her."Just before she reached the place
where the mysterious assault had
taken place, the woman crossed the
road and disappeared from view.I leaped out of the cab, thrust half-
a-crown into the man's hand, and ran
on to the corner. The night was
now far advanced and I knew that the
chances of detection were thereby
increased. But the woman seemed to
have abandoned her fears, and I saw
her just ahead of me walking resolute-
ly past the lamp beyond which a short
time earlier she had met with a dan-
gerous adventure. "She entered the
gate of a block of dwellings even more
forbidding in appearance than those
which that night had staged a dreadful
drama."As the figure with the basket was
lost from view I crept on, and in turn
cautiously entered the evil-smelling
hallway.Footsteps were receding up the
stone stairs. I could not see the
woman, but from the sound of her
breath it was possible to count the
landings which she passed. When she
had reached the fourth, and I heard
her step upon yet another flight,
I knew that she must be bound for
a nervous endeavour to make no
slightest sound, I rapidly mounted the
stairs.I was come to the third landing in
this secret fashion when quite sud-
denly I heard the grating of a key
in a lock.Since four doors opened upon each
of the landings, at all costs, I thought
I must learn by which door she en-
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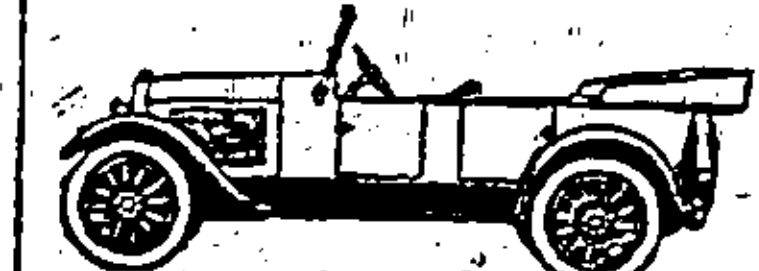
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DONALD.—At Dundee, Scotland, on
the 11th inst., the wife of J. W.
Donald, China and Navigation
Co., of a son.DODWELL.—On March 7, at 4,
Chelsea-court, S.W., wife of S.
H. Dodwell, Hongkong, daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SILVA-BARRETO.—At the Rosary
Church, Kowloon, on April 17,
1921, by the Rev. Fr. Spada,
Frederico L. Silva, to Nydia M.
Barreto, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. A. D. Barreto, of Hong-
kong.SKINNER-ROZARIO.—On April
9, 1921, at Shanghai, Frank
Skinner to Angelina Rozario.
No cards.

DEATHS.

MACKENZIE.—At St. Paul's Hos-
pital on April 16, following an
operation, Helen Turnbull, dear-
ly beloved younger daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mac-
kenzie, of 154, The Peak, in
her 18th year.MURPHY.—On April 7, 1921, from
heart failure, at New York, Mr.
T. R. Murphy of Messrs. Arnold
Brothers.NOEL.—On April 10, 1921, at
Shanghai, Charles Godfrey Noel,
Master Mariner, aged 75 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1921.

LOCAL TAXATION.

We hear much argument, about
it and about, and we emerge with
one truth at least, that all men are
very much alike in resenting taxa-
tion. That this comes of a longhistory of "passing the buck" is
the fault of nobody in particular.
One set of men have been accus-
tomed to having the burden shift-
ed to other shoulders. Another set
has an inherited resentment, which
does not discriminate between the
impositions of a good government
and the exactions of a bad. All
alike protest when called upon to pay.Our Saturday contributor "Ad-
versarius" was only a typical
example, annoyed with others for
doing what he did himself. Those
who have been prating of the
threatened handicap on legitimate
business have also exaggerated, and
used arguments as prejudiced and
one-sided as he. We need not ex-
pect dispassionate or impartial argu-
ments any more. If we do, we
shall meet disappointment.The suggestion that any tax on
trade must be bad, trade being the
life of this place, is absurd. Yet
it is seriously offered by men hither-
to credited with intelligence. Sure-
ly it is evident that where trade is
the "life" of a place, trade must
bear the chief burden of the cost
of administration and protection.
In guarding our trade we guard our
"life," and must pay for that,
as we do for our police and soldiery.It is only in details of convenience,
fairness, practicability, etc., that
the proposals can be attacked, if
at all. As to inconvenience, if the
Government cannot trust its people
to pay its taxes willingly and
honestly—as we know it cannot—
an admission to be made without
cynicism—then for any inconveni-
ence caused we should not blame
our servants the Government. We
do not trust each other, nor them,
and must put up with the incon-
venience this attitude compels. As
to fairness, we have just seen how
self-interest makes us all rather bad
judges. As to practicability, per-
haps there is more room for argu-
ment.Business critics have already got
busy showing how the new stamp
duties "will not work." They saythe tax on share transfers must put
a full stop to share transactions,
and so defeat its own object. To
such an objection, furnished with
reasonable support, the Govern-
ment will certainly listen, and if it
can gain its object by consenting
to modifications will certainly do so.
But it will have to do so. At
present it has had to provide for
evasions, and the presumed evaders
must, if they can, show it a better
way. The principle (tax on profits,
on unearned increments) is
assuredly admirable, and the Govern-
ment so far has a strong case for
taxing property and share trans-
fers. To tax all sales of goods in
all transactions involving more than
\$100 is probably a detail which
will be assailed on the ground of
impracticability, though we can-
not quite agree that it is without
precedent, since it shares the exist-
ing principle of the receipt stamp.
Those, however, whose daily busi-
ness it will affect must have a re-
spectful hearing. We must point
out, however, that if the Govern-
ment was looking for "a conveni-
ent point to collect duty"—its only
excuse so far for this impost—it
cannot have looked very far or long
or closely. We have not totted up
the sums distributed in any year
by the local companies as dividends,
but they must run to many mil-
lions, and a consequently "con-
venient point to collect" would
have been these. A small percent-
age on dividends, collected at the
source, could inconvenience nobody,
and be very productive. The fair-
ness of such incidence should like-
wise be apparent to all. Then there
are the excessive reserves piled up
by some of our companies. A tax
on reserves would tend to elevate
the moral reputation of company
directors, and relieve them of the
suspicion of building up reserves for
the purpose of "rigging the mar-
ket." When we think of some of
the rich foreign companies operat-
ing here, and the enormous profits
they are credited with making, we
wonder why the Government has
not thought of these ways of mak-
ing them render tribute.In the days at hand we will
doubtless all have our ideas clarified
by discussion of these and kindred
themes, the question of loans,
of government economy, being includ-
ed. But as they are expensive
days, we must all make up our
minds to the fact that Hongkong
must have its share in what are
world-wide phenomena.

THE STRIKE.

Everybody seems pleased that
the strike has burst, in view of the
gloomy predictions of last week.
We refer to it only to point out
how right we were on March 23
when we gave the lie to the Pre-
mier's "grave warning" about the
alleged "consolidation and unity"
for Bolshevism amongst the British
workers. The disunity that Reuter
is telling us about to-day would be
partly due to the British workman's
shrinking from revolutionary propa-
ganda. They never have united
principles, being too sectionally
selfish and ignorant, and we there-
fore held it extremely unlikely that
they would unite for communism or
anything of that sort. "We are not,
of course, claiming superior percep-
tion to that of Mr. George. He
knew it as well as we did, but he
led for a political purpose, as
brazenly as Horner Greenwood has
been lying about Ireland, or Win-
ston Churchill about military dis-
positions. There is apparently a
separate code of honour for men as
men and men as Cabinet Ministers.
We do not suppose for a moment
that Messrs. George, Greenwood,
and Churchill would lie in private
life as they do officially. Ought we
to tolerate such a moral distinction?
We think not.TALK ON THE TRAM TOP.
"I hear that one of the bodies
found in the Old Bailey house
was that of a man who was evidently
caught while climbing through a
window. The body was half in and
half out."
"The Banks won't allow it"
[referring to T.T. taxes].
"On Monday 1st of last week Mr.
was offering 3 to 1 that the strike
would come to nothing. On Friday,
owing to the gloom of Reuter, he
was challenged to repeat his offer.
On Saturday they wondered how he
knew."
"I see they are having a wonder-
ful Spring at House," everything
wonderfully forward, and February
and March exceptionally fine, with
not one wet or cold day."
"We have just moved into an
office that overlooks the distributing
kitchen of a restaurant. I saw the
boys getting plates filled. The man
who did it used his hands, a handful
of peas, a handful of spuds, a hand-
ful of something else. Ugh! No
more for me!"A PARENT'S DUTY.
YOUR boy is always getting enticed
in or out of mischief. Because these
wounds have healed all right is no sign
they always will. Get a bottle of
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and see that
every injury is treated for immediately.
You can get nothing better, and blood
poison is too dangerous a disease to risk.
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ers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Engineer-Lieutenant L. Surtees
has been appointed to the light
cruiser "Cairo," China Station.Two fatal cases of enteric fever,
Chinese, and one non-fatal case of
para-typhoid fever, Filipino, were
reported on Friday.Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. are
invited to send their silver sporting
trophies to Mr. W. Kay at Queen's
College for exhibition at the Annual
Dinner before Saturday the 23rd
inst.—Advt.A case of rabies having occurred
in the eastern district of the city the
attention of dog owners is drawn to
a notice from the Acting Captain
Superintendent of Police printed in
another column.Members of the Q.C.O.B.A.
wishing to attend the Annual Dinner
are requested to forward their sub-
scriptions to the Hon. Secretary on
or before Thursday the 21st, after
which date no subscriptions can be
received.—Advt.The Nippon Yusen Kaisha have
decided to place on the Bombay
Line the s.s. "Wakasa Maru." This
steamer, which has plenty of
accommodation for first class pas-
sengers, will be despatched hence
on April 22 for Singapore, Colombo
and Bombay.A quantity of raw opium valued
at more than \$10,000 was seized from
a Canton sampan which received it
from a steamer arriving at Canton
from Wuchow. It was ascertained
that the sampan had been hired to
meet the steamer when she arrived
in the harbour.The approaching marriage is an-
nounced of Gerald Hay Ruxton (Chi-
nese Maritime Customs), second son
of the late Rev. F. H. Ruxton, Rector
of Well. Toxteth, to Mona, eldest
daughter of Archdeacon G. A. D'Arcy-
Irvine, Archdeacon of Cumberland
and Sydney, N.S.W.Surgeon-Commander L. Lindrop
has been appointed to the cruiser
"Hawkins" flagship of the China
Squadron. This officer has been in
the medical department of the Royal
Navy for twenty-one years, and when
a surgeon served on the "Leviathan"
when she was flagship of the China
Station in 1903-05.One of a batch of convicts trav-
elling under police escort from
Macao to Hongkong "on the s.s.
"Sulita," to be transported from here
to Timor, jumped overboard just after
the ship had left Macao last Thurs-
day. Although the ship was stopped
for a time, no trace of him could be
found. This convict had been sent-
enced to 30 years' transportation to
Timor for having murdered his wife.Of the 300 odd shops in Canton
which export human hair to America
and Europe, only 100 are able to con-
tinue business, while the employees
of the other shops have been obliged
to seek employment elsewhere, on
account of the slump in the business.
In former years when business was
good, the annual export of human
hair from Kwantung province alone
amounted to more than \$1,900,000.Tenders are invited by the
Government for reclaiming approxi-
mately 90 acres of the Praya East
foreshore with materials obtained by
cutting down Morrison Hill; pro-
tecting the area so reclaimed by sea
and quay walls; constructing sewers
stormwater drains, reinforced con-
crete piers, refuse-boat pier, retaining
walls and temporary and mis-
cellaneous works.Major-General Sir G. M. Kirk
patrick much regretted having to
postpone his meeting last Friday,
owing to a slight accident at the
Royal Artillery Sports. He has now
fixed 5.30 p.m. Thursday, April 21,
at the Royal Artillery Theatre,
Victoria Barracks, for the discussion
on the formation of an ex-Service
organization in Hongkong; and
he hopes that all those interested
will be able to come on that date.Chen Yingchen, a Chinese
aviator, was severely injured at
Canton on Thursday afternoon when
trying to land after a trial flight in a
new machine. After flying at a low
altitude, Chen noticed something
wrong with the engine and tried to
land. Before he did so, the engine
stopped and the machine dropped to
the ground, being badly wrecked.
Chen is in hospital suffering from
broken ribs and a fractured arm.The Crown Agents for the
Colonies are the favourite cock-
sies for all those commercial people who
for all those commercial people who
but who the Government is not
allowed to buy locally. Their criti-
cisms are more forcible than polite,
and what they do not say is often
more suggestive than what they do.
However, when one of the Crown
Agents for the colonies serves his
department for 28 years, and only
leaves £22,173, one suspicion is dis-
pelled, that the post is as desirable
as a P.W.D. appointment, says the
"Topicist" in the Singapore Free Press.

GOLF DINNER.

K.C.C. GOLFING SECTION.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

Members of the golf section of the
Kowloon Cricket Club met for their
annual dinner at the Palace Hotel on
Saturday night, a good number of
members attended, the function being
conducted by Mr. W. T. Elson (Captain
of the Golf Section) who was supported
by Messrs. D. J. Mackenzie, D. G.
Nicoll, H. Overy, R. E. Lindell,
Major Bagnall and members of the
Committee.The menu, served under the super-
intendence of Mr. J. H. Oxberry, was
an admirable one, consisting of a nine
hole course. Each hole was suitably
described in the language (technical)
of the game. During the evening
brief and appropriate speeches were
made and a musical programme was
contributed to by Messrs. Crow,
V. C. Labrum, S. Gray, F. H. Farthing
G. Prechard and Pearson.The trophies won during the year
were also presented. The Captain's
Cup, given by Mr. D. G. Nicoll, went
to Mr. Stalker, who secured it for the
first time after a hard game with Mr.
D. J. Mackenzie, the lowest handicap
player, who took the runner-up prize.
The Championship Cup, awarded to
the first winner of the shield in per-
petuation of the memory of the late
Mr. J. H. Moore Mead, went to Mr.
Mackenzie, with Mr. B. D. Evans as
runner-up. The Cup for the Ecclectic
Competition (presented by Mr. Overy)
was won by Mr. J. Parkes, with Mr.
Mackenzie as second. The Bogey
prize (presented by Messrs. Elson and
Avenell) went to Mr. J. Stalker—Mr.
Parkes as runner-up. The Woodman
Cup went to Mr. C. Bond, with Mr.
Mackenzie (scratch) second, and the
Davis Cup to Mr. J. McAlpine; Mr.
Elson second. The monthly prizes
were distributed as follows:—Match,
Mr. H. E. Stevens; April, Mr. H.
Overy; May, Mr. Stalker; June, Mr.
McAlpine; July, Dr. Woodman;
August, Mr. Newton; November, Mr.
C. Reynolds; December, Mr. Heath-
cote.The prizes for the Bridge Tourna-
ment were also presented: First,
Messrs. Brawn and McMurtrie; second,
Capt. Ritchie and Mr. Labrum.Proposing the toast of the "K.C.C.
Golf Section" Mr. H. Overy referred
to the past successful season. The
Section had been greatly strength-
ened and was now up to its limit of
membership. No more new members
could be accepted at present as they
had a waiting list. The Golf Section
of the K.C.C. was a real live institution.
The competitions—and they were very
numerous—had been enthusiastically
entered into. One new competition,
which they had arranged should be
an annual one and which he thought
he ought to emphasize, was the Club
Championship. A shield had been
put up by the Kowloon Cricket Club
to perpetuate the memory of the late
Mr. J. H. Moore Mead, who, they
would remember, was one of the most
hard working Secretaries of the Golf
Section had ever had. It was quite
fitting, that in the first season it had
been won by one of Golf Section—Mr.
D. J. Mackenzie (Applause).Mr. Overy expressed the hope that
the new members who were taking
part in the game would enter enthusias-
tically into the competitions. The competi-
tions with other Clubs, Mr. Overy
continued, had been most enjoyable.
The U.S.R.C. he was sorry to say,
had come off victorious every time.
In their matches with the Kowloon
Bowling Club the K.C.C. had
won two and lost one. They hoped
to have a return match with the
U.S.R.C. very shortly when they
would endeavour to turn the tables
(hear, hear). In conclusion, Mr. Overy
expressed thanks to the generous
donors of the Cups and said that in
that respect the Golf Section was
particularly fortunate. At the general
meeting some members expressed the
opinion that too many competitions
were not good for the Club. His
honest opinion was exactly to the
contrary. He felt that competitions
did the Club a lot of good. They
brought men more into contact with
each other. Mr. Overy wished the
Golf Section as successful a season as
the last. (Applause).Mr. G. H. May responded and after
a reference to the new stamp duties
remarked that the enthusiasm shown
by the present members was nothing
like so pronounced as that evinced by
the "boys of the old brigade." In
the old days they had all sorts of
obstacles to contend with on the
course and used to get back to the
Club House "like prickled porcupines."The toast of the visitors was pro-
posed by Mr. E. J. Edwards and
responded to by Dr. Smalley, who also
proposed "The Kowloon Cricket
Club" which was enthusiastically
received.Mr. R. E. Lindell gave some in-
teresting Police Court reminiscences
and the evening closed with the toast
of the Chairman, proposed by Mr.
D. J. Mackenzie.

BOXING.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAM-
PIONSHIP.

INTERESTING BOUTS ON SATURDAY.

Peggy Evans of H.M.S. "Hawkins"
holds the heavyweight championship
of Colony and the Hongkong Ex-
change Brokers Association Belt
by virtue of his win over Pte. N.
Wilkins R.M.L.I., the Heavyweight
champion of the China Squadron,
1920, at the Ming Yuen Gardens on
Saturday night. The fight was
staged under the auspices of the
Hongkong Boxing Association and
was witnessed by a good crowd.
Evans could not have had a lot to
spare over his opponent as Wilkins
boxed splendidly for the first four
rounds and although he tired
later he pulled up well in
the closing stages. The fight went
the full fifteen rounds, every one of
them being characterised by plenty
of solid hitting. Several other in-
teresting contests were staged and
are dealt with below.A. B. McDONALD (H.M.S. "TITANIA")
v. LEADING STOKER JONES (H.M.S.
"AMBROSE")This was a six-round, middleweight
contest, and going the distance
made a good curtain raiser. Both
men revealed considerable cleverness
both in dealing and avoiding punish-
ment. Throughout the contest
they made good use of their left
hands. McDonald in particular
scoring with snappy jolts to the
jaw when they got to close range.
Jones was if anything the more
persistent and secured the verdict.LEADING SEAMAN BURNS (H.M.S.
"ALACRITY") v. CORPORAL
NYE (WILTSHIRE REGT.).This contest, scheduled for six
rounds, ended abruptly in the second.
Burns receiving a hard drive to the
body which put him down for the
count. The bout opened in a prom-
ising manner, Nye leading off and
endeavouring to set up a hot pace,
with Burns holding off and getting
home some useful counters. Half-
way through the round Nye sent out
a heavy right swing which clipped
Burns jaw. The sailor went back
and was clearly groggy. Nye didn't
seem to realise what had happened.
When he did he simply lost his head.
He wasted dozens of blows when he
had ample opportunity of standing
up and ending the fight with a
properly placed punch. Burns opened
up the second round by rushing into
Nye, and stung him several times
with lefts to the head. Nye seemed
to have realised the necessity of keep-
ing cool, and getting under a left
swing drove his right hand to the
body. Burns went down and was
counted out.STOKER SKINNER (H. M. S. "TITANIA")
v. A. B. DOLLARD (H.M.S. "HAWKINS")
v. A. B. DARBYSHIRE (H.M.S. "TITANIA")
These men put up quite an interest-
ing contest, Darbyshire being the
more active and generally being on
the attack. There was not much to
choose between them for the first
two rounds. Then Darbyshire did
better and easily took the majority
of the points. In the fifth McBride
got in some useful uppercuts as Dar-
byshire came in with his head down.
However he didn't do sufficient to
wipe off the adverse balance and
Darbyshire won.PTE. N. WILKINS, R.M.L.I. v. A. B.
EVANS (H.M.S. "HAWKINS").This was a contest for the heavy-
weight title. Wilkins weighed in at
183 lbs. having an advantage of 3 lbs.
over Evans.
Round 1. Both opened cautiously.
Wilkins was the first to lead, reveal-
ing a nice straight left. Evans opened
slowly and rather declined to mix
matters.
Round 2. This round went to
Wilkins. He set up a hot pace and
scored repeatedly with both hands
to the face and body. Evans tried
to assume the aggressive but was
smartly countered when he led.
Round 3.—Wilkins' round by a
shade. Things were mixed up at a lively
pace, Wilkins especially landing with
short stiff jabs at close range. So
far it had been a good fight, featured
mainly by Wilkins' pretty turn of
speed and persistency.Round 4. This round saw a fairly
even break. Evans scoring better
than hitherto. There was plenty of
hard hitting, and this was also a
feature of the fifth round which
provided neither with any advantage.
Round 6. Wilkins was slowing up
but Evans was still fresh and fighting
strongly.Round 7. This was Evans' round.
He made good use of his left and
generally managed to avoid the
counter. Wilkins connected with a

OBITUARY.

MISS HELEN MACKENZIE.

It is our painful duty today, to
announce the death at the St. Paul's
Hospital, Causeway Bay, on Satur-
day, of Miss Helen Turnbull Macken-
zie. Death took place after an
operation for appendicitis.The deceased who was only 18
years of age, was born in Hongkong,
and was the younger daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackenzie of 154
The Peak, well known and popular
residents of the Colony. Much sym-
pathy will be felt for them and their
family in their sad bereavement.The funeral took place in the old
residents' section of the Protestant
Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday
afternoon, and was well attended.The Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie
officiated at the graveside.There was a fine collection of
beautiful floral tributes.

LDG. STOK. THOMAS BOWEN.

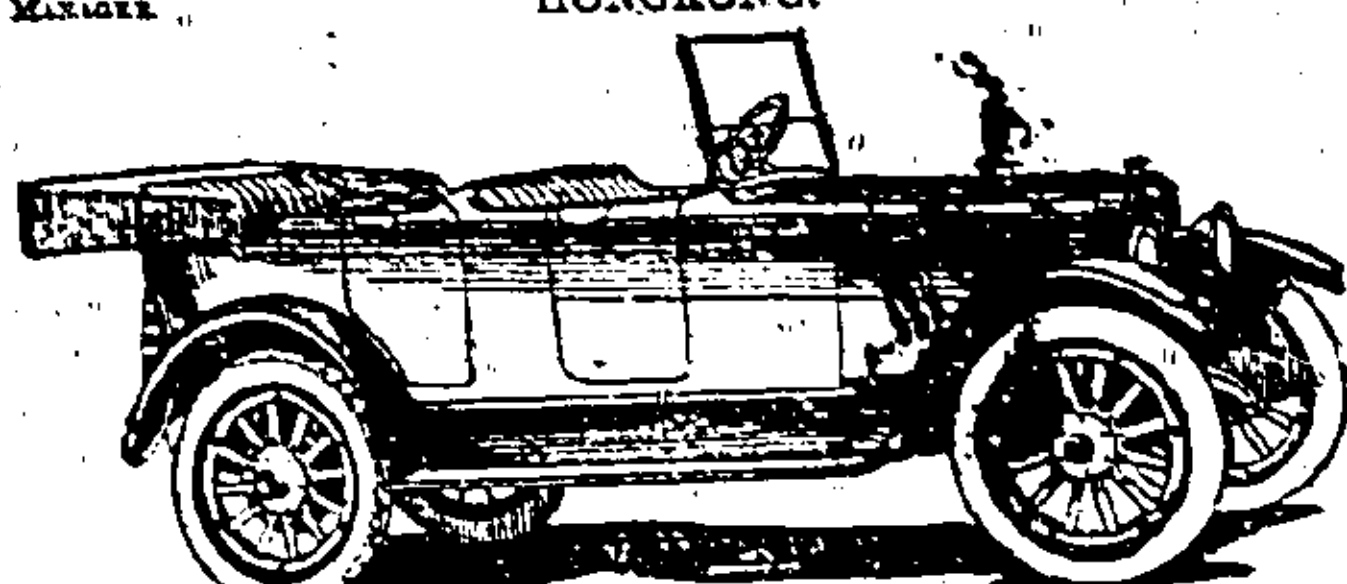
The death took place, at the age
of 32, on Friday night of Leading
Stoker, Thomas Bowen of H.M.S.
"Cairo," which is at present absent
from the Colony.The deceased entered the Naval
Hospital a fortnight ago suffering
from fever. He pulled through well,
and was on the way to recovery
when a relapse attended by complica-
tions proved too much and death
claimed him.Although still a young man the
deceased had been connected with
the Navy for 13 years, and had
served in the war. He came to
Hongkong with the original crew of
the "Cairo" in 1919.The funeral took place at the Pro-
testant Cemetery, Happy Valley, on
Saturday afternoon with full Naval
honours. H.M.S. "Hawkins" sup-
plied the Band and a firing party
under Petty Officer Prentice. The
gun carriage was followed by a large
detachment of the men from the
"Hawkins" and "Pamir," the
whole under the command of Lieut.
Beauchamp, R.N.The burial service was read at the
graveside by the Rev. J. Kirk Mac-
conachie.

FACTION FIGHTS.

LIVELY WEEK-END.

Inspector Blackman, of No. 2
Police Station, this morning charged
seven Chinese before Magistrate
Orme with having taken part in a
faction fight at Jardine's Bazaar
yesterday. The defendants admitted
the charge. The trouble they said
was over money matters.The Inspector said that Sergt.
O'Connor was on his rounds yester-
day about 8 a.m., when the trouble
started. Many people took part.
Bricks, bottles and bamboo were
freely used. A posse of police had
to turn out before the disturbance
was quelled. No fewer than three out-
breaks occurred during Sunday, and
the police were given a lot of trouble
to cope with them.The Magistrate fined the defend-
ants \$5 each and ordered them to
sign bonds in the sum of \$50 each
to keep the peace for six months.Mr. John Swire, senior member
of the firm of Messrs. Butterfield &
Swire, Mrs. Swire, Miss Swire, and
Miss Logan arrived in Shanghai by
the Blue Funnel str. "Pyrrhus" on
Thursday and are guests at Mr. E. F.
Mackay. After a short stay in
Shanghai they propose to go up the
Yangtze, on to Peking, and thence to
Japan.Leung Tai, who has twice returned
from banishment, the first time after
a ten-year sentence in 1918, and the
second time after a life sentence this
year, was this morning sentenced by
the Puisse Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood, to
two years' imprisonment. Accused
also had a conviction for receiving
stolen goods in 1917 recorded against
him.hard fight, during a spell of close
range fighting.Round 8. Evans' round. Wilkins
was shaken up by several hits flush
on the jaw. One outstanding piece
of hitting was Evans' reply to a drive
to the body. As Wilkins sent out the
blow Evans got back just the right
distance and sent over his right to
the jaw. It was a good example of
timing.Round 9. Evans was again on
top, although Wilkins showed signs
of coming back.
From this time onwards it was
anybody's fight. Evans slowed up
while Wilkins was fighting quite
strongly. The remaining five rounds
ended without much advantage to
either. The verdict in favour of
Evans was very popular.At the conclusion of the fight the
belt was presented to Evans by Mr.
R. M. Dyer, the Vice-Chairman of the
Association.PTE. RICHARDS, R.M.L.I. v. A. B.
POFFLE (H.M.S. "TITANIA").
This six round bout concluded the
programme. The decision went to
Richards who fought well through-
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JAIL MURDERS.

FOURTH MAN CHARGED.

FOOTPRINTS PHOTOGRAPHED.

The fourth man arrested in connection with the Victoria Jail murders in 1919 was charged before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, in the Supreme Court this morning, with having murdered Warder James Leslie Speed. The Hon. Attorney-General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., conducted the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. R. Hayward, the defence. After the jury had taken their places in the jury box, His Honour remarked that he had been informed that one member, Lo Cheung Wing, claimed that he did not speak English. His Honour observed that while it was difficult to understand how Lo Cheung Wing carried on his business as the proprietor of a British firm without a knowledge of English every care must be taken in a case of murder. Therefore he had better stand down for the moment and go into the Puisne Judge's Court, for a less important case. Possibly also the Puisne Judge would be able more easily to determine whether the jurymen could speak English.

The jury as finally constituted comprised the following:—Amando Maria da Silva (foreman), Edward Henry Ray, Liang Shu-tung, Eric George Norton Grimble, Edward Pierpont Barker, Faustino Antonio Xavier and Thomas Matthews. The Hon. Attorney-General, who opened the prosecution, said that early on the morning of December 15, 1919 four men broke out of Victoria Jail. In the course of their escape they murdered the principal warder named Speed, and an Indian warder named Harnam Singh. The evidence given would relate to both murders because it was impossible to separate the evidence relating to the two events. In this case the jury was concerned only with the murder of Warder Speed.

The Attorney-General then gave a detailed explanation of plans of the jail copies of which were handed to the judge and the jury.

In cell 63, continued the Attorney-General, was a prisoner serving 10 years for robbery, in cell 62 another serving a similar period for burglary, and in cell 50 opposite, a man serving seven years. In cell 48, a larger cell, there were four men, one of whom was the prisoner. From cell 48 only one man escaped, and that was the man now in the dock. From the evidence the jury would see that the cells had a space between the door and the floor through which an electric lamp could be flashed when the cells were examined at night. That space could be used by the prisoners in the different cells to communicate with one another. On the morning of December 15 the prisoner in cell 63 removed some wood from the door leaving exposed the back plate of the lock and making it easy for him to move the mechanism of the lock. The man must have opened the door and then opened the doors of cells 62, 50, and 48 with a key, now in Court which was found to open all the cell doors. This man apparently released the other three men, one from cell 62, another from cell 50, and one of the four men in cell 48. As these four men came down the staircase they were apparently seen by the man on patrol duty who saw two of them go into Warder Speed's office. One of the men attacked Harnam Singh and the fourth the patrol. Unfortunately, they were only too successful in their attack on Warder Speed who was stabbed repeatedly but managed to stagger out of the room and stumble along the passage until he collapsed and died. The men were also successful in their attack on the Indian, but the patrol was more fortunate. Apparently thinking that they had done enough to ensure their escape, the men went out into the gangway across the yard, down the steps, and over the wall. Nobody saw them go over the wall and the evidence in this respect would be circumstantial. The jury would see from the evidence that the four prisoners who escaped that morning made very elaborate preparations. They had the key, a number of chisels, and things of that kind, for the purpose of effecting their escape. It would be shown in evidence that not only did the key open the doors of their own cells but also the door leading out of the yard, the men not taking the bother to remove Warder Speed's key, though they took his revolver. They also had clothes of some dark material ready, leaving their prison clothes in the cell on dumplings intended to allay suspicion. These four men had to pass

through what was the best guarded portion of the jail and had no doubt made themselves familiar with the geography of the place. They would know that Warder Speed would be the only European on duty and the only man with a revolver. Consequently, they must have assigned two men to get possession of the weapon, another to attack Harnam Singh and the fourth the patrol. The Attorney-General suggested that the four men came down with the deliberate intention of killing Warder Speed. Not only did they intend to murder Warder Speed but they also intended to effect their escape from the jail. If the jury found that during that escape Warder Speed was murdered then that would be sufficient evidence for them to find a verdict against all four men. Even if only one man committed the actual murder all four were responsible. As a matter of fact one could carry the case a little further. In a statement made at the police station when charged the accused said, "These two persons were not killed by me. I would have been discharged in another three months' time. 'Big number prisoners' (i.e. long term prisoners) opened the door and asked me." That requires an explanation, continued the Attorney-General. The accused was in fact serving only a short term for breach of a deportation order. It was extremely foolish of him to join the attempted escape. In a statement made to the magistrate the accused said, "The murder did not concern me. I was in cell 48 with three others when I heard the cell door being opened. I called out 'What is the matter?' voice said 'Run!' so I ran. I wanted to call the other three prisoners in my cell but he said 'Don't call them.' I said 'There are three others.' He said 'The sooner you get out the better for you.' Then the large number took me downstairs. One of them told me to stand at the bottom of the staircase and keep watch. 'If any Indian comes along,' he said, 'tell him to get out.' Here's a knife for you to hold." The accused, continued the Attorney-General, was wearing a dark suit of clothes, his prison garb having been discarded. It was quite clear that the accused was in the plot from the beginning and was not making an escape on the spur of the moment at the last minute. There was another curious feature in this case. The evidence would show that the police found footprints on a piece of paper in Warder Speed's office. Those footprints had been photographed but did not correspond with the photographs of the three men arrested in connection with the murder. Now, photographs had been taken of the accused's footprints and they had been found to correspond exactly with the footprints on the piece of paper found in Warder Speed's office. The inference was that the accused was one of the men who took part in the murderous attack on the warder.

CHILD LABOUR.

CONDITIONS IN HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

The following contributed article appeared as a leader in the N.C. Daily News on April 12:—

On several occasions Reuter has informed us that questions have been asked in the House of Commons regarding the prevalence of girl slavery in Hongkong and the answers given in the House reflect the attitude of the authorities in the Colony. This is that the girls referred to are adopted into the families of those who acquire them by purchase and that their status is very different from that connoted by the word "slave". The reply usually concludes: "I am assured by the Governor that slavery does not exist in the island." It is evident that the dispute largely hinges on the definition of the terms used. If the girls referred to are slaves, then, by the laws of Great Britain, they ought at once to be set at liberty. If they are wards of their foster-parents, then those who adopt them are, not only guiltless, but may be rendering a service to the State. Considered dispassionately there can be no doubt that the position of the girls referred to partakes of the nature of slavery in that they are bought and owned by the purchaser and may be disposed of at his pleasure. They are not

slaves inasmuch as they are not the children of bondmen and bondwomen; moreover, they are manumitted at marriage and no stigma attaches to their offspring. There is, therefore, room for endless argument according as one views the question from the one angle or the other.

The question concerns not only Hongkong but also Shanghai and the whole of China, but it is, perhaps, true that the custom of purchasing girls at a tender age and bringing them up as household drudges is more common in the province of Kwangtung than in other parts of the country. It may be defended, and sometimes is, as a custom that makes for the welfare of the children concerned, but the arguments have a suspicious likeness to those that were advanced in the days when slavery was an established order of society in western lands. It is doubtless true that some of the little protégées are fortunate enough to fall into the hands of naturally kind mistresses but many fare far otherwise and the aggregate amount of misery endured by the multitude of helpless slaves must be unthinkable.

The system is the fruitful parent of many and great abuses. Children are sometimes, under the pressure of extreme poverty, sold by their parents to this life of bondage. Frequently they are stolen, and the traffic in kidnapped children is China's shame. We can recollect that a dangerous riot was once precipitated in this Settlement by the arrest of a woman implicated by this trade. The telephone poles on our streets often have advertisements affixed to them offering a reward for information that will lead to the recovery of children deceived away from their homes and destined to the hard life of the child servant. The pathos of the appeals for help to recover lost children reveals the anguish of the parents; a sorrow surely which has no equal, not even in the bitterness of death.

The surest way to put a stop to this nefarious traffic is to make the purchase of children illegal and to punish with equal severity both buyer and seller. Chinese law is lamentably deficient in provisions respecting the welfare of children. The classical literature of China is also curiously silent on the responsibility of parents towards their offspring while it over-emphasizes the filial duty which children owe, not only to parents, but to all who are their elders. Educationalists in China have an obligation laid upon them to remedy this lack in law and literature until public opinion will no longer tolerate the abuses which the present attitude of the masses towards children's rights makes possible.

An advertisement in a recent issue of one of the leading Chinese papers in Shanghai well illustrates the difficulty of dealing with this question. The advertiser states that she has lost her daughter on a journey between Peking and Shanghai and that sorrow has made her sick so that life itself is despaired of and she adjoins her daughter. If she sees the notices in the paper, that she will come at once to see her mother and so comfort her heart that thereafter she may die in peace. All benevolent persons who have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the girls are begged to send information to the address given so that the several hearts may be reunited. The mother will be for ever grateful and will not fail to give a suitable reward for the information. A picture of a comely girl some fifteen years of age accompanies the advertisement that all men may know by these presents who it is that is referred to by the sorrowing mother. And a well-informed Chinese friend assures us that the so-called daughter is a sing-song girl, that the "mother" is the mistress who owns her and that she is sick of sorrow because of the loss of capital which she invested in this pretty maiden which she has now lost.

OTHER COMMENT.

Our Shanghai contemporary makes the following editorial comment:—The word "contributed" at the head of a leading article may be a puzzle to some readers. "Why," they might ask, "thus differentiate, inasmuch as the paper must take responsibility for the views expressed in a leading article which it prints?" The answer is that there are some questions on which it is more than normally difficult to lay down the law—even for an editor. In such instances the word "contributed" means: "These are not the views which the editorial 'we' hold; nevertheless there are many readers who hold them, perhaps more than those who side with us, and they are entitled to be heard with respect." This particularly applies as regards the question of slavery in China. What we think the Hongkong Government mostly has in mind is the state of things described in our contributor's first paragraph. On this subject we published two articles a few weeks ago, expressing the opinion that while the practice of always needs careful watching, it appears on the whole to be free enough from evil results, if not actually productive of good, that interference with this very ancient

practice must be very charily approached. Where our contributor, we think, lays himself open to misconstruction is in apparently mixing up the deliberate sale by parents of a daughter as described in the first paragraph, and the stealing of children by kidnappers. For the latter practice nothing but abhorrence can be expressed, and the energies of the great organization of the Chinese Anti-Kidnapping Society, which has branches all over China continually trying to catch the kidnappers, cannot be too highly praised. It is also, we believe, the fact that when kidnappers are brought before Chinese magistrates, they never fail to get their due. On the other hand Chinese opinion clearly does not condemn the practice of the *mui tsai*, of which a teeming population mostly very poor would be liable to think differently from what Western races might think. The distinction, however, between the two practices is certainly very thin, and it would be a good thing if Chinese opinion could be brought up to the abolition of anything to which the word "slavery" can remotely apply.

The coolie who was on Saturday reported to have been removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down at Shek Hong Shui, on Friday night, by motor car No. 197, driven by Mr. Biggar, of the International Bank, has succumbed to his injuries. The deceased, who was a new arrival in Hongkong, was alleged to have attempted to cross the road a few yards in front of the car. Mr. Biggar did his best to avoid running into the man but the brake did not stop the car.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on THURSDAY, 21st April, at 4.30 p.m., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the purpose of nominating a Representative of the Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Notice in writing of the names of candidates and of their proposals and secondaries to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting.

By Order.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 14, 1921.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Monday, the 18th April, 1921, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Monday, the 25th April, 1921. All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1921, at 11 a.m. No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No "Fire Insurance" whatever will be effected.
Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 18, 1921.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that a case of rabies has occurred within the Eastern District of the City of Victoria.

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(3) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about during the day-time without any owner and not wearing either a collar with the name and residence of the owner inscribed thereon or a current licence badge; and any such constable is hereby further authorised to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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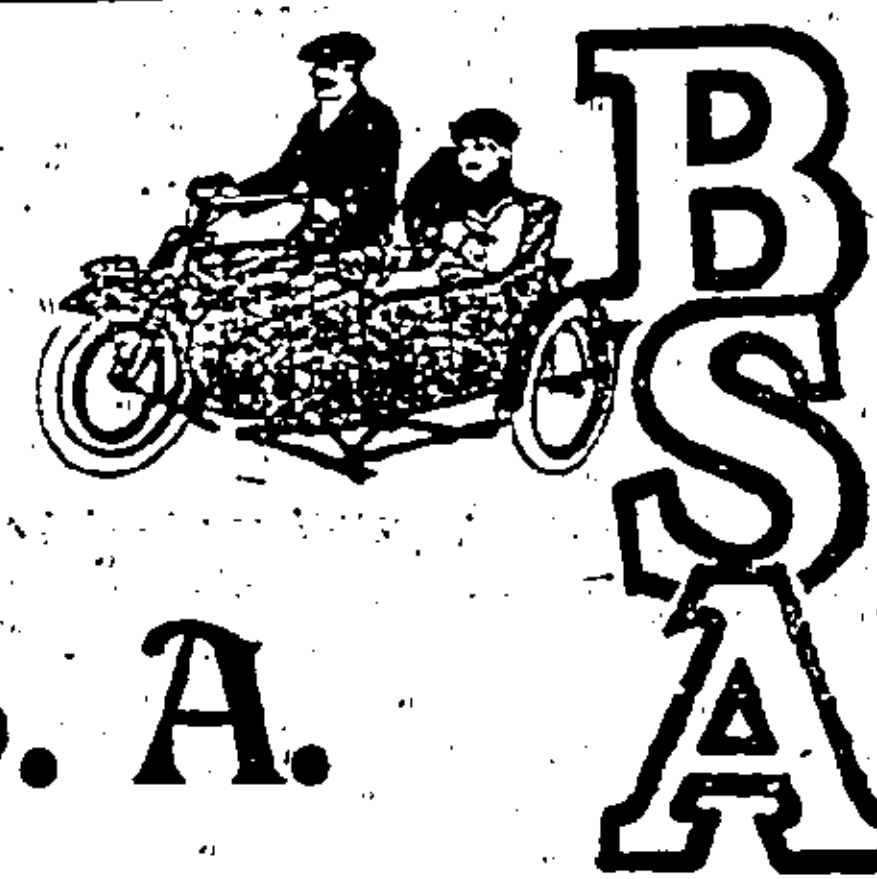
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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LABOUR TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, April 16th (12.30 p.m.). The miners' delegate conference has been fixed for April 22nd. In the meantime there will be no resumption of coal-mining.

The miners want, according to Mr. Hodges, a permanent wages system operating nationally and uniformly, so as to cover discrepancies between the productive and the unproductive coal-fields. Consequently, there is a demand for a national board to apportion wages, and for a national pool, by which the profits of the richer miners may assist the poorer.

LONDON, April 16th (2.15 p.m.). Yesterday was the heaviest defeat which has befallen the Labour movement within the memory of man.

These words in the *Daily Herald*, today, sum up the result of the railwaymen's and transport workers' dramatic refusal at the eleventh hour to support the miners by permitting a general strike.

Events on Thursday and Friday—the almost accidental discussion between certain members of Parliament and the coal-owners and workers, the declaration of Mr. Hodges, the miners' leader, that they were willing to consider provisional settlement of the wages question, the mid-interview with the Premier and his invitation for a conference, the final breakdown of the allied Unions on this ground—all this must not be taken as representing the whole of the inner truth of the situation.

The *Daily Herald* itself admits to-day that the root-cause of the defeat was the lack of solidarity in the whole movement, in organisation, understanding and sympathy. It is beyond question that the leaders of the railwaymen and transport workers were rightly uncertain as to the response of the rank and file to the strike summons.

Except in one or two districts in Scotland, there is complete orderliness, and there is a general depression at the prospect of involuntary unemployment. With this temper prevailing the strike must in any case have been half-hearted and unsuccessful, resulting in internal schisms in the railwaymen's and other Unions. As things have turned out these Unions remain individual solidities, but the Triple Alliance has been shattered for the time being beyond hope of reconstruction.

LONDON, April 16th (4.10 p.m.). No attempt was made, to-day, to heal the breach between the miners and their Triple Alliance colleagues. Each side took decisions without consulting the other. The miners have decided, pending the outcome of a conference on April 22nd, to return home, where, in the words of the official statement, they will discuss the whole of the facts with their own district managers, preparatory to returning to London to draw up a report for submission to the Executive Committee.

The railwaymen and transport workers' executives, also, met and subsequently issued a statement, saying that the cancellation of the strike was due to the lack of solidarity which manifested itself in the morning. They express regret, to-day, for not taking the step they have taken.

The *Westminster Gazette* states that the miners' executive rejected Mr. Lloyd George's invitation to a conference with the coal-owners, yesterday morning, by a majority of 100 to 1. Mr. Hodges then resigned his office, but his resignation was not accepted.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

LONDON, April 17th. In the hull in the industrial situation attention turns to the threat of an international crisis with the approach of May 1st—the latest date for Germany's meeting her financial obligations. The Berlin and Paris Governments are both fully occupied with the problem. Berlin is anxiously endeavouring to forestall further sanctions. The German Press speaks of fresh proposals, which are to be submitted in a few days through the intermediary of a neutral, including the following up of the original suggestion to assume responsibility of Allied debts in America.

The French Government is determined to leave nothing to chance, and has adopted the report of Mr. Loubet, Minister of Economy, containing economic penalties and of Marshal Foch, advocating the calling in of the 1918 and 1919 classes, and extending occupation beyond Ruhr over a portion of the Westphalian industrial area.

Paris, April 17th. The Chamber has adopted the motion regarding the 50 per cent. duty on all German goods imported into France. The proceeds are to be credited against German obligations under the Reparations Commission. According to standards in a conference of Mr. Millerand to consider the coercive measures to be adopted, in case Germany again attempts to dodge her liabilities. Military measures, in conjunction with the Allied Powers, are contemplated, including occupation of the Ruhr district, and, perhaps, the blockade of Hamburg.

An Inter-Allied Conference will, possibly, take place in Paris at the beginning of May, and it is confidently expected that Mr. Lloyd George will be able to participate.—*Latou*.

GERMAN REPARATION RECOVERY ACT.

LONDON, April 17th. The Board of Trade has issued orders that articles imported into the United Kingdom before May 15th will be exempt from the provisions of the German Reparation Recovery Act, which imposes a 50 per cent. tax, if it is proved that they are imported in pursuance of a contract made prior to March 31st, and left the place from which they were shipped to the United Kingdom prior to April 8th.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

Paris, April 16th. *Le Matin's* New York correspondent says it is highly probable that President Harding will shortly instruct Mr. Boyden to resume his seat at the Reparations Commission, also the Ambassador Mr. Wallace to participate again in the Ambassadors' Council.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL.

LONDON, April 16th. In the Association football Scottish Cup final, Partick Thistle beat Glasgow Rangers, by one goal to nil.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FRENCH COLONIES.

PARIS, April 16th. M. Albert Sarraut, Minister of Colonies and a former Governor of French Indo-China, has submitted to the Senate a bill respecting the complete re-organization of the French Colonial Empire from an economical viewpoint. Each Colony is to receive special treatment according to its own particular needs, railway and water traffic is to be intensified and production promoted in every way. The natives' welfare is provided for. The execution of the vast programme is to be distributed over a period of 15 years.—*Heras*.

DISASTROUS TORNADO.

NEW YORK, April 17th. A tornado has swept over Southern Arkansas, causing widespread havoc. At least 50 persons have been killed, and hundreds have been wounded.

FIGHTING ON AFGHAN FRONTIER.

SIMLA, April 16th. Severe fighting is reported in the Wana Mahsud areas, following the re-appearance of the notorious Afghan adventurer Abdul Razak, who organised the hostile Waziri Mahsuds. Most of the fighting was at Boghakot, which was captured on April 15th by the 1st Dogra, who were, however, subsequently driven back. The enemy casualties were 10 killed and 35 wounded, and our casualties were 1 killed and 4 wounded. Boghakot was recaptured on April 16th.

Further severe fighting took place on April 16th, when 300 Mahsuds attacked a company of the 80th. Panjabis, whose losses were 25 killed and 24 wounded, including one British officer killed. Fresh British operations have been begun.

CAIRO CAUSE CELEBRE.

CAIRO, April 17th. The cause celebre tried by Mr. Justice Tait, the new Judge of the Supreme Court at Shanghai, ended in the engineer, Sir William Willcocks, who was found guilty of criminal libel and sedition, being bound over for a year in the sum of £1,000, after which he may be deported if his presence in Egypt is considered undesirable.

The case arose from an enquiry by the Nile Irrigation Projects Commission into charges by Sir William Willcocks and Colonel Kennedy that Sir Murdoch Macdonald, the Public Works Adviser, had falsified documents to suppress facts.

DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, April 16th. Mr. Rogers, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced into the House of Representatives a resolution inviting Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to attend an armament conference in Washington, but emphasizing the necessity of the United States having a second to none, until disarmament is agreed upon.

NEW FRENCH STEAMSHIP CO.

PARIS, April 16th. The report on the bill concerning steamer services to the Far East, Australasia, East Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean, which has been placed on the table in the Chamber, specifies that the Messageries Maritimes shall cease to be State-subsidised, and a new company, based on the regie system, will be formed which will be capitalised at sixty million francs. The measure involves alterations of mail routes.

"PERSIAN GOVERNOR'S ARREST."

ALLAHABAD, April 16th. A message from Teheran says that the Persian Government has placed under arrest Prince Sarpaned-Dowlah, Governor of Kermanshah and one of the originators of the Anglo-Persian Agreement.

AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL LIFE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17th. Mr. Hoover, in a speech here, advocated the re-organization of the Federal Government, particularly as regards the duties of the Department of Commerce. He said: "The economic changes in the world, originating from the war, and the reaction in American trade and industry make it vital, if we are to maintain the standard of living against the increasing ferocity of competition that we should concentrate and enlarge our national effort in aiding, protecting, stimulating and perfecting our industrial and commercial life."

OBITUARY.

LONDON, April 16th. The death has taken place of General Sir John Steven Cowans, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., at Mentone. (Sir John Cowans was Quartermaster-General of the Forces, War Office, from 1912 to 1919, and a member of the Army Council in the War. Four years of his Army career were spent in India. He was a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour and held the following orders: Crown of Belgium, Crown of Italy, Sacred Treasure of Japan, Holy Redeemer (Greece), and Chiao Ho of China. Sir John Cowans was in his 60th year.)

SHIPPING DIVIDENDS.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., Liverpool, announces a dividend and bonus making 56 per cent. for the year—the same as for each of the last three years. The company is in the habit of putting large sums to the reserve, and although portions of the fund were capitalised in 1900 and 1916 it is still £1,000,000, which is much more than the share capital.

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To be pale is no longer the fashion; to be languid is an affliction. To-day the most winsome girl is the one with the pink tinge of health in her cheeks, lips naturally red and eyes sparkling with life. Add to this a quick active step and anyone can tell the girl whose veins are full of the pure, rich blood of health. How different she appears from her ailing sisters, whose aching limbs and weak backs make them pale and dejected! Anemia is the cause of so much suffering among young women that it cannot be too widely known that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have transformed thousands of delicate anaemic invalids into happy healthy women. These pills put new blood into the veins, and this rich red blood refreshes every part of the body, giving strength, rosy cheeks, and brightness, in place of weakness, prostrating headaches and a wretched state of half-health.

What this means to great numbers of women of all ages is explained by Miss Edith Cantor, of 65, Road Road, London, who recently stated: "When, some time ago, I was attacked by anemia, my appetite failed, and I got very pale. The last exertion left me breathless. I became listless and depressed, and suffered periodically from severe abdominal pain. Month after month went by without any improvement. In fact, although I consulted doctors and took their medicine, I gradually grew weaker, and became more worried and disheartened. "Eventually a friend advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to try them. After one bottle there was some improvement, so I continued the treatment. "I soon began to get my appetite back; the listlessness disappeared, and I became less hurried after exertion. My cheeks began to glow, and I felt more vigorous. The periodic pains no longer troubled me, and all signs of anemia vanished. "Soon my friends said I looked the picture of health. Now I always recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for they are splendid."

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KOWLOON WEDDING.

SILVA-BARRETTO.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The Rosary Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon when the Rev. Fr. Spada married Mr. Frederico L. Silva, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to Miss Nydia M. Barretto, daughter of Mr. A. D. Barretto, of Messrs. J. M. Rocha and Co.

The bride, who was given away by her father Mr. A. D. Barretto, was attended by Misses M. Monteiro, A. Leon, and O. Barretto, as bridesmaids, and Misses M. Cruz and L. Cruz as flower girls.

The bride's dress, charmingly trimmed with chantilly lace and pearls was supplied by Maison Lily.

Mr. O. D. Barretto acted as best-man, assisted by Mr. A. A. Baptista. After the ceremony at the church a very pleasant reception was held at the Club de Recreio where the happy couple were congratulated by their numerous friends.

The honeymoon in being spent at coast ports.

The presents, which were numerous and costly, included the following:—Bride to bridegroom, diamond scarf pin; bridegroom to bride, diamond bracelet; bridegroom to bridesmaids, gold vanity cases; bride's parents, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Silva (bridegroom's parents) cheque; and Mr. H. J. Silva, cheque.

Four non-fatal cases of enteric fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Mr. J. M. S. Xavier, of No. 13, Morrison Hill Road, was summoned by the Hongkong Tramway Company, for having unlawfully and wilfully interfered with the comfort of the passengers of tram car No. 21, and having obstructed and impeded the conductor of the car in the execution of his duty; also with having assaulted the conductor. Mr. T. Rowan, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of "not guilty." After Counsel had addressed the Magistrate on the evidence, the latter fined the defendant \$10 on the charge of assault and \$5 for obstructing the conductor in the execution of his duty. The Magistrate said he would dismiss the other charge.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, of Messrs. Moller and Co. returned to the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Kanowna" after spending a holiday in Australia and New Zealand.

Having foolishly attempted to cross the rails in front of an incoming train at Yau-mat, yesterday, a coolie woman was knocked down and severely injured. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital where she is now in a critical condition.

The coxswain of motor boat K2 has reported to the police that about 10 a.m., on April 17, he was on his way from Kowloon to Blake Pier, when the steam launch "Sibmit" collided with him, causing damage to the extent of \$70.

A Chinese, employed as coolie foreman at Holt's wharf, was killed at his house in Canton Road, Yau-mat, yesterday, through a portable latrine falling on him. He died a few minutes after, on the way to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Before Magistrate Orme this morning, a Chinese youth was charged with having snatched a gold neck chain and jade pendant from a Chinese girl at Sheklonghui at 1.15 a.m., on Saturday. The defendant denied that he was the thief. He said he was taking a stroll when he heard a police whistle. He started to run to see what was the matter when the Indian caught him. The real thief ran past him. He tried to catch him but was not successful. The Magistrate passed sentence to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the first day.

Three Chinese, one of whom was the manager of a Chinese shop in Connaught Road West, were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 14,000 dutiable "Raven" cigarettes. According to the prosecution, one of the defendants and another man were seen leaving the s.s. "Sutai", with a number of baskets, boxes and packages. They were followed to the shop at No. 51 Connaught Road West. The Magistrate fined the master of the ship \$450. The man who was identified as one of the two seen transporting the cigarettes from the wharf to the shop was fined \$150. The other man was discharged. The cigarettes were confiscated.

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From Monday, April 18.
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For Monday, April 18.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 19.
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Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
Wednesday 20th. Letters 9.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.
Samsui and Wuchow 4 p.m.
Fochow 4 p.m.
Hohow, Quinhon and Tourane 4 p.m.
Philippine Islands 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
Thursday 21st. Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.
Samsui and Wuchow 4 p.m.
Fochow 4 p.m.
Hohow, Quinhon and Tourane 4 p.m.
Philippine Islands 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
Friday 22nd. Letters 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.
Samsui and Wuchow 4 p.m.
Fochow 4 p.m.
Hohow, Quinhon and Tourane 4 p.m.
Philippine Islands 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
Saturday 23rd. Letters 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.
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The Pacific Mail Steamship Co., managing agents here for the United States Shipping Board, announce the arrival of the new passenger and freight steamer "Golden State." The public are cordially invited to visit this vessel between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. Launches will be available from Blake Pier during the above hours.

This steamer is the first of the five steamers of the "535" type assigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The others: the "Empire State," "Palmetto State," "Hoosier State" and "Lone Star State," will follow upon completion of construction and will be operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in their service from San Francisco to Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Manila.

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WIDOW ROBBED.

EARLY MORNING SCUFFLE.

VIOLENCE ALLEGED.

Particulars of a heartless robbery were related to the Police Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a Chinese pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery.

The following jury was empanelled:—Joaquim Teller d'Almeida (foreman), Poon Icho, George V. Hughes, C. J. Bertil Hellstrom, Raphael Emmanuel Hyndman, George Henry Kemp, and Edward Stephen Ford.

Mr. Dyer Ball, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that about 4.30 on the morning of March 11, a widow living in a house at Po Kung village with her mother-in-law, came out of the house with the intention of catching the first ferry from Kowloon City to Kowloon. As she got outside the house she saw a bundle of grass in the gutter. A man with a piece of cloth tied round his neck and torch in his hand suddenly emerged from the bundle and made towards the woman who attempted to regain the house. She managed to shut the door but the man forced his way in. The intruder threw her on the floor. When she shouted for help a second man appeared and seized her by the neck from behind and threatened to kill her with a small knife which he kept pointed at her throat. After examining the contents of a small box near the bed, the other man approached the woman and rubbed pepper in her face while he was doing this she had a good view of him as there was a light in the room. She now identified him as the man in the dock. Taking with them the box containing certain articles of clothing and about \$8 in cash, the robbers then departed. The case is proceeding.

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